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H. RES. 1016

Expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death
of William F. Buckley, Jr.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 4, 2008

Mr. FEENEY (for himself, Mr. ROSKAM, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. DREIER, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. HERGER, Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky, Mr. AKIN, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. SALLI, Mr. REYNOLDS, Ms. FOXX, Mr. WELLER of Illinois, Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. COLE of Oklahoma, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. KLINE of Minnesota, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Ms. FALLIN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. GINGREY, Mrs. SCHMIDT, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. CANNON, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. CARTER, Mr. POE, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mr. MACK, Mr. CAMPBELL of California, Mr. ISSA, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. PETRI, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. FOSSELLA, Mr. PUTNAM, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. WOLF, Mr. MCCAUL of Texas, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. CHABOT, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. PENCE, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, and Mr. BACHUS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

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on the death of William F. Buckley, Jr.

Whereas William F. Buckley, Jr., was an American hero and the intellectual leader of the conservative movement for five decades;

Whereas William F. Buckley, Jr., led in a manner that earned the respect and friendship even of his adversaries;

Whereas by virtue of his distinct personality, talents, good humor, and goodwill, William F. Buckley, Jr., has been recognized as the premier conservative intellectual in post-World War II America, and has fostered an entire generation of conservative scholars, academics, political insiders, and writers;

Whereas in a display of his legendary and cheerful wit, William F. Buckley, Jr., once commented that he would “rather live in a society governed by the first 2,000 names in the Boston phone directory than in one governed by the 2,000 members of the Harvard faculty”;

Whereas William F. Buckley, Jr., authored dozens of books, including “God and Man at Yale”; wrote thousands of columns; and was the preeminent debater of our times, including in such venues as his long-running public affairs show, “Firing Line”;

Whereas William F. Buckley, Jr., founded National Review in November 1955 to provide a respectable and reasoned conservative voice in American public policy and political debates; and, in the first issue of that publication, he stated that the magazine was intended to respond to the

rise of socialism and collectivism in America and “stands athwart history, yelling Stop”;

Whereas National Review, currently the largest conservative opinion magazine in the Nation, has succeeded in its mission to pronounce, distill, and refine conservative principles, and has set the benchmark for conservative public discourse on America and the world;

Whereas William F. Buckley, Jr.’s consistent efforts facilitated the rise of Senator Barry M. Goldwater and, ultimately, the presidency of Ronald W. Reagan;

Whereas William F. Buckley, Jr.’s ideas and advocacy were instrumental in the defeat of collectivism at home and in the Soviet Union; and

Whereas William F. Buckley, Jr., refined and articulated a modern conservative theory that promoted maximum individual freedom: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) honors and thanks William F. Buckley, Jr.,
3 for all he did to advance a conservative vision for
4 America and a capitalist, democratic vision for the
5 world;

6 (2) expresses its profound sorrow at the death
7 of William F. Buckley, Jr.; and

8 (3) expresses its condolences to the family,
9 friends, and colleagues of William F. Buckley, Jr.

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